



Western Australia at a Glance 2012



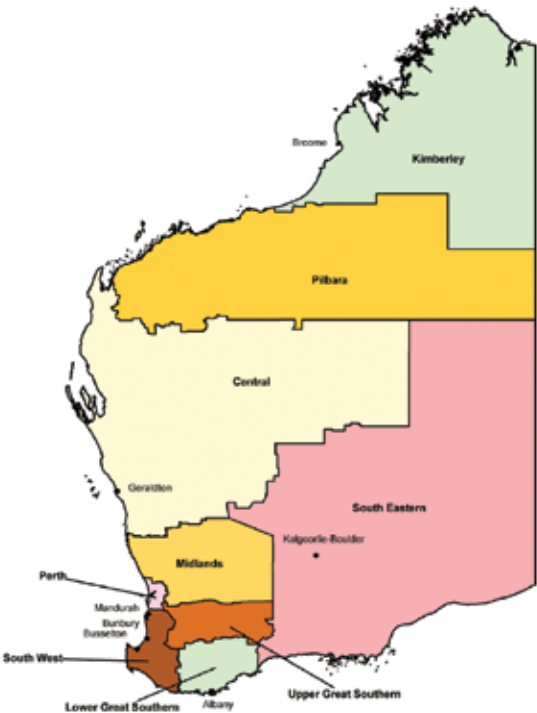
Western Australia had an estimated population of 2,346,410 in June 2011, accounting for 10.4% of Australia's population.

Western Australia has the largest land area (2,532,400 square kilometres) of any Australian state or territory. Its coastline of 12,500 km amounts to 34% of Australia's total coastline.

The State's capital, Perth, was founded on 12 August 1829 and the Perth metropolitan area contains almost three quarters (74%) of Western Australia's total population.

WA IN RELATION TO AUSTRALIA

	% of Australian total
Area	32.9
Coastline	34.0
Demography	
Estimated resident population (June 2011)	10.4
Labour force	
Employed persons (December 2011)	10.8
Unemployed persons (December 2011)	8.8
International Trade (Value)	
Imports (2010-11)	12.1
Exports (2010-11)	45.6



PEOPLE

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

	2010 ¹ '000	2011 ¹ '000
Males	1 161.8	1 191.0
Females	1 128.8	1 155.4
Persons	2 290.6	2 346.4
0-14 years	445.0	453.7
15-19 years	157.1	157.6
20-29 years	345.6	357.8
30-39 years	326.6	331.5
40-49 years	330.4	337.0
50-59 years	289.0	296.0
60-64 years	120.3	125.8
65 years and over	276.6	287.1
	2009 ² '000	2010 ¹ '000
WA Statistical Divisions		
Perth	1 658.5	1 696.1
South West	246.1	253.5
Lower Great Southern	58.8	59.4
Upper Great Southern	19.2	19.1
Midlands	55.7	56.4
South Eastern	58.7	59.1
Central	64.8	65.6
Pilbara	47.5	48.6
Kimberley	35.0	35.7

1 As at 30 June, preliminary estimates.

2 As at 30 June, revised estimates.

DEMOGRAPHY

	2009 no.	2010 no.
Births	30 878	31 424
Deaths	12 566	12 720
Marriages	12 184	12 684
Divorces	4 767	4 835
Crude rate (per 1,000 persons)¹		
Births	13.8	13.7
Deaths	5.6	5.6
Marriages	5.4	5.5
Divorces	2.1	2.1

1 Based on estimated resident population at 30 June.

POPULATION CENSUS (PROPORTION OF WA TOTAL)¹

	2001 %	2006 %
Birthplace		
Australia	67.7	65.3
United Kingdom	11.1	10.6
New Zealand	2.5	2.4
South Africa	0.8	1.1
Italy	1.3	1.1
Religious affiliation		
Catholic	24.8	23.7
Anglican	22.6	20.4
Other religious affiliation	32.9	33.0
No religious affiliation	19.7	22.9

¹ Based on place of usual residence.

EDUCATION

	2010 no.	2011 no.
Full time students		
Government	233 839	236 387
Non-government	124 530	127 331
Schools		
Government	768	770
Non-government	297	301

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS¹

	2010 \$	2011 \$
Males	1 507.40	1 670.80
Females	1 137.90	1 205.40
Persons	1 384.00	1 514.80

¹ Full time adult ordinary time earnings, August quarter. Trend estimates.

LABOUR MARKET

	2010 '000	2011 '000
Employed persons	1 223.8	1 240.0
Unemployed persons	56.4	55.5
Total labour force ¹	1 280.2	1 295.5

	2010 %	2011 %
Unemployment rate ¹	4.4	4.3
Participation rate ¹	68.3	67.9

	2010 '000	2011 '000
Largest employing industries²		
Health Care and Social Assistance	121.2	139.0
Retail	120.4	125.8
Construction	136.4	119.9
Mining	87.5	104.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	93.7	97.0
Education and Training	97.7	90.1
Manufacturing	84.9	90.1

¹ December, Trend estimates.

² November quarter, Original estimates.

HOUSEHOLD CHOICES RELATED TO WATER AND ENERGY

	2009 %
Proportion of all WA homes with:	
Rainwater tank	12.7
Bore access	21.8
Solar energy	19.2
Insulation	71.7
Airconditioning for cooling	79.0
Clothes dryers	56.4
Dishwasher	42.5
All dual flush toilets	87.0
Two or more TVs	58.8
Two or more refrigerators	38.6

ECONOMY

STATE ACCOUNTS¹

	2009/10 \$m	2010/11 \$m
Gross State Product	180 821	187 117
	\$	\$
Gross State Product per capita	79 751	80 858
	%	%
Largest contributing industries		
Mining	27.3	28.0
Construction	11.6	11.7
Manufacturing	6.2	6.2

¹ Chain volume measures

HOUSE PRICE INDEX¹

	2009/10 %	2010/11 %
Established homes	10.1	-1.1
Project homes	1.7	2.5

¹ Percentage change from previous financial year.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX¹

	2009/10 %	2010/11 %
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1.1	5.9
Alcohol and tobacco	8.9	4.1
Clothing and Footwear	-5.5	4.5
Housing	6.0	2.9
Houshold contents and services	1.0	-0.5
Health	4.4	4.2
Transportation	3.4	2.8
Communication	-0.1	0.5
Recreation and culture	1.2	0.0
Education	7.8	5.2
Financial and insurance services	4.8	3.9
All groups	3.5	3.0

¹ Percentage change from previous financial year.

ECONOMY

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

	2009/10 \$m	2010/11 \$m
Imports	27 922	25 938
Exports	83 306	112 172
Imports from:		
China	2 819	3 269
United States	2 820	2 753
Singapore	2 524	2 464
Exports to:		
China	30 772	47 240
Japan	14 246	20 716
Korea, Republic of	6 694	10 675
Major commodities exported:		
Iron ore	34 111	57 177
Gold bullion	13 659	13 398
Crude petroleum oils	8 810	11 056

INDUSTRY

RETAIL TRADE¹

	2009/10 \$m	2010/11 \$m
Food	10 615	10 978
Household goods	4 807	4 900
Clothing, footwear & personal accessories	1 904	1 830
Department stores	2 092	2 072
Other retailing	3 188	3 383
Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services	3 482	3 967
Total²	26 085	27 136

¹Retail turnover in current prices, Trend.

²Component items may not sum to the total due to rounding.

BUILDING

	2009/10 no.	2010/11 no.
New residential building		
Approved	25 315	20 807
Completed	22 229	24 255
Average value of new residential building	\$	\$
Approved	249 283	271 754
Completed	296 752	276 002
Total value of non-residential building	\$m	\$m
Approved	6 299.7	3 773.7
Completed	3 846.5	4 514.5

MINING

Production ¹	2009/10	2010/11
Iron ore ('000t)	384 966	395 677
Gold (t)	164	184
Exploration expenditure	\$m	\$m
Minerals	1 244.1	1 590.1
Petroleum	2 484.6	2 402.3

1 Source: Western Australian Mineral and Petroleum Statistics Digest 2010-11, Department of Mines and Petroleum

AGRICULTURE

Crop production	2009/10	2010/11 ¹
Wheat for grain ('000t)	8 114	4 999
Barley for grain ('000t)	2 554	1 589
Livestock numbers	2009/10	2010/11 ¹
Sheep and lambs ('000)	14 692	14 452
Meat cattle ('000)	2 206	1 990

1 Preliminary estimates

TOURISM¹

	2009/10	2010/11
Short term overseas holiday travel	no.	no.
Resident departures	624 570	715 596
Visitor arrivals	238 774	246 303
Holiday arrivals - country of origin	%	%
United Kingdom and Ireland	21.9	20.5
Singapore	17.9	17.5
Rest of Europe	14.8	14.5
Holiday departures - main destination	%	%
Indonesia	41.6	43.0
Thailand	9.6	9.1
Malaysia	6.6	6.4

1By air

ENVIRONMENT

CLIMATE

	Mean temperature				Mean annual rainfall (mm)
	Summer (January)		Winter (July)		
	Max (°C)	Min (°C)	Max (°C)	Min (°C)	
Perth (Metro)	31.1	18.0	18.3	7.7	736.5
Albany (Town)	22.8	15.1	15.7	8.1	928.8
Broome (Airport)	33.3	26.3	28.8	13.7	606.3
Bunbury	29.7	15.4	17.2	7.1	718.2
Esperance	26.1	15.6	17.1	8.3	616.9
Geraldton	29.1	18.4	19.8	10.5	447.7
Kalgoorlie Boulder (Airport)	33.7	18.3	16.7	5.0	265.1
Mandurah	29.2	18.8	17.4	10.7	645.9
Port Hedland (Airport)	36.4	25.5	27.1	12.3	315.5

Source: Bureau of Meteorology 2011, Perth, <<http://www.bom.gov.au>>.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED			
0°	degrees Celsius	na	not available
\$	dollars	%	percent
km	kilometres	sq km	square kilometres
mm	millimetres	'000	thousand
WA	Western Australia	t	tonnes
\$m	million dollars	no.	number

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